

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON STATE ADMINISTRATION**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Dennis Himmelberger, on February 13, 2009  
at 9:01 A.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Dennis Himmelberger, Chairman (R)  
Rep. Sue Dickenson, Vice Chairman (D)  
Rep. Jesse O'Hara, Vice Chairman (R)  
Rep. Russell Bean (R)  
Rep. Joel Boniek (R)  
Rep. Frosty Boss Ribs (D)  
Rep. Dee Brown (R)  
Rep. Betsy Hands (D)  
Rep. Gordon R. Hendrick (R)  
Rep. Pat Ingraham (R)  
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)  
Rep. Sue Malek (D)  
Rep. Mike Phillips (D)  
Rep. Ted Washburn (R)  
Rep. Franke Wilmer (D)

**Members Excused:** Rep. Mary Caferro (D)

**Members Absent:** Rep. Tony Belcourt (D)  
Rep. Kendall Van Dyk (D)

**Staff Present:** Sheri Heffelfinger, Legislative Branch  
Marshall McEwen, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 358, HB 479, HB 493, 2/9/2009

Executive Action: None

00:01:54 Rep. Belcourt entered the room.

**HEARING ON HB 358**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:02:23 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 358, Prohibit statewide office holders from giving bonuses at end of term.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:39 Linda McCulloch, Montana Secretary of State  
[EXHIBIT\(sth34a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:06:39 Rep. Brown  
00:07:19 Rep. Bergren  
00:07:37 Rep. Brown  
00:07:44 Rep. Malek  
00:08:03 Rep. Bergren  
00:08:38 Chairman Himmelberger  
00:09:07 Rep. Bergren  
00:09:24 Chairman Himmelberger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:09:29 Rep. Bergren  
00:10:04 Chairman Himmelberger

**HEARING ON HB 479**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:10:41 Rep. Joel Boniek (R), HD 61, opened the hearing on HB 479, Clarify and specify role of Home Guard.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:31:51 Doug Nulle, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:33:37 Brigadier General Stan Putnam, Department of Military  
Affairs

**EXHIBIT (sth34a02)**

**Informational Testimony:**

00:44:59 Ken Mesch, Administrator, Department of Military  
Affairs

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:48:08 Rep. Brown  
00:48:56 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:50:41 Rep. Brown  
00:51:08 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:51:47 Rep. O'Hara  
00:52:12 Rep. Boniek  
00:53:38 Rep. Phillips  
00:54:04 Rep. Boniek  
00:54:08 Rep. Phillips  
00:54:39 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:56:06 Rep. Ingraham  
00:56:35 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:57:56 Rep. Ingraham  
00:58:47 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:58:53 Rep. Malek  
00:59:08 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
00:59:39 Rep. Malek  
00:59:56 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:00:33 Rep. Malek  
01:00:46 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:01:39 Rep. Belcourt  
01:01:56 Rep. Boniek  
01:02:16 Rep. MacLaren  
01:03:03 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:04:15 Rep. MacLaren  
01:04:38 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:04:59 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:05:42 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:06:07 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:07:03 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:07:25 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:08:38 Chairman Himmelberger

01:08:46 Rep. Boss Ribs  
01:09:05 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:10:00 Rep. Boss Ribs  
01:10:11 Brig. Gen. Putnam  
01:10:17 Chairman Himmelberger

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:10:21 Rep. Boniek  
01:16:23 Chairman Himmelberger

**HEARING ON HB 493**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

01:16:38 Rep. Dan Villa (D), HD 86, opened the hearing on HB 493, Revise board of research and commercialization technology.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

01:20:50 Evan Barrett, Chief Business Development Officer,  
Governor's Office  
01:29:40 Kelly Casillas, Attorney, Department of Commerce

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

01:32:38 Rep. Brown  
01:33:14 Ms. Casillas  
01:33:58 Rep. Ingraham  
01:34:35 Rep. Villa  
01:35:23 Rep. Ingraham  
01:35:42 Rep. Villa  
01:36:27 Rep. Wilmer  
01:36:51 Mr. Barrett  
01:37:55 Rep. Wilmer  
01:38:01 Rep. Hands exited the room.  
01:38:39 Mr. Barrett  
01:41:39 Rep. Wilmer  
01:42:04 Ms. Casillas  
01:43:19 Rep. MacLaren  
01:43:34 Rep. Villa  
01:43:36 Rep. MacLaren  
01:43:41 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:43:53 Rep. Bean

01:44:26 Rep. Villa  
01:45:00 Rep. Boniek  
01:45:45 Ms. Casillas  
01:46:06 Rep. Ingraham  
01:46:26 Rep. Villa  
01:46:38 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:46:45 Rep. Villa

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:46:59 Rep. Villa  
**EXHIBIT**(sth34a03)  
01:49:44 Chairman Himmelberger  
  
01:50:47 Rep. MacLaren  
01:50:54 Rep. Phillips  
01:51:05 Chairman Himmelberger  
01:51:51 Rep. Phillips  
01:51:59 Chairman Himmelberger

**ADJOURNMENT**

01:52:20 Adjournment: 10:53 a.m.

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Marshall McEwen, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT ([sth34aad.pdf](#))**